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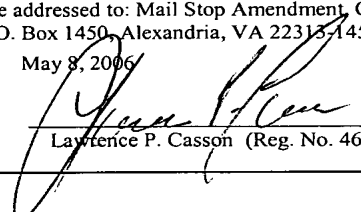
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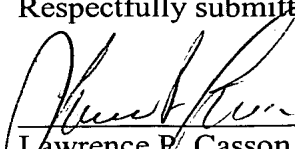
Please find enclosed a Response to the PTO Communication mailed on April 6, 2006, transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified patent application.

No fee is believed to be required. However, if any fee is required, please use Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A duplicate of this transmittal letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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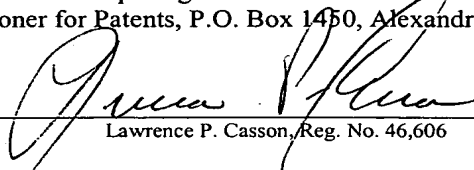
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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